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B.T. scales of pay to Hindi pandits.

* 210 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the qualifications prescribed for Hindi pandits in order to make them eligible for B.T. scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Hindi teachers will be eligible for B.T. scales of pay under the following circumstances :—

(1) They should possess the minimum general educational qualification; S.S.L.C. completed.

(2) They should hold an oriental title in Hindi;

(3) they should have received the Pracharak training; and

(4) they should be in charge of Forms IV to VI of High schools and should have worked for not less than 17 hours a week."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that the Pracharak Diploma has been recognized to be equivalent to the Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha, will the Government kindly see that those who have obtained the Visharad Diploma and who possess a general qualification of S.S.L.C. and who have had some teacher training (though not like the Pracharak training) are given the B.T. scale of pay? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These are the prescribed qualifications now. If there are any other alternative suggestions which the hon. Member wishes to make, he may put them in writing and send them to me for scrutiny and examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I submit that this matter of qualification and pay of Hindi pandits has been discussed again and again on the floor of the House, and may I request the Government to go into the whole question and see that this Pracharak Diploma course which is not a mere training course, but a combined general and training course is not insisted on and separate schools are started for training Hindi pandits just as is done in the case of Tamil and Sanskrit pandits to render justice to these Hindi teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I may confess that I am not conversant with this diploma course and what is contained in it. But as the hon. Member himself said, this matter has been examined by Government repeatedly and I do not think there is need for further examination."

Number of basic elementary schools in Tanjore district.

* 211 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of basic elementary schools in the Tanjore district;

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(b) the number of such schools in municipal areas;

(c) the number of supervisors appointed by the municipalities to supervise such schools; and

(d) the number of such supervisors who have had basic training?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 130.

" (b) 12.

" (c) One. That supervisor supervises both Basic and non-Bassic schools.

" (d) Nil."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to just give the figure for Tanjore Municipality alone? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I do not have separate figures."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that for the Tanjore Municipality to supervise all these basic schools a supervisor, who is non-basic, has been appointed in order to observe seniority among all the secondary-grade teachers in the municipality? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I request the Government to issue instructions to the municipalities where there are basic schools to have a separate cadre for basic-trained teachers and to appoint supervisors from that cadre without looking into the seniority of the whole of secondary-grade teachers in the municipality? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When the number of basic schools is comparatively small, I do not think we could have a separate officer for supervising these basic schools only. The hon. Member will be pleased to know that of all the schools in the Tanjore district, the number of basic schools is only twelve. Therefore, in each municipality the number of basic schools is only a handful and I do not think therefore that any useful purpose will be served by appointing separate officers to supervise the basic schools? "

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I request the Government, Sir, to encourage basic-trained secondary-grade teachers as and when the number of basic schools expands? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, as and when we expand basic education, this will be borne in mind."

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SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" ஒரு முனுசிபாலிட்டியில் டிரெயினிங் இல்லாத சூப்ரவைசர் நியமிக்கப்பட்டதென்று சொல்லப்பட்டதே அது எந்த முனிசிபாலிட்டி ? அந்த முனிசிபாலிட்டியில் எத்தனை ஆதார பள்ளிகள் இருக்கின்றன? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" அது தஞ்சை ஜில்லாவில் இருக்கக்கூடிய முனிசிபாலிட்டிகள். அந்த முனிசிபாலிட்டிகளில் மொத்தம் 12 ஆதார பள்ளிகள் இருக்கின்றன."

Educational concessions to Vanniakula Kshatriyas.

* 212 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state— 3-10 p.m.

(*a*) whether the Backward Classes Commission has made any urgent recommendations to the Government in respect of Vanniakula Kshatriyas of North Arcot, South Arcot, Tanjore and other districts alone for the grant of full fee educational concessions; and

(*b*) if not, the necessity for the preferential treatment shown to that particular community alone in respect of educational concessions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) No preferential treatment has been made to this community."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Sir, if it is not preferential treatment, may I know what kind of treatment it is? Why is it that that community alone has been taken into consideration? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it is not the entire community that has been taken into consideration. It is only a particular section which belongs to the criminal tribes that has been taken into consideration."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" How many backward classes are there in the Government list, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would request the hon. Member to refer to the list, Sir."

SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR :—" Suppose I say that there are 153 classes in the list, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to accept that statement? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not want to be cross-examined like this. The hon. Member may refer to the list and find out the number."